

Remarks

The indication that claims 8-11 and 14-20 recite allowable subject matter is greatly appreciated. To place the application in condition for allowance, the subject matter from allowable claim 8 has been re-written into independent form as claim 1. Also the subject matter from allowable claim 14 has been re-written into independent form as claim 12.

As a result of these amendments, claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 15-17, 19, and 26 have been amended herein to conform to the amendments made to claims 1 and 12. Also, claims 6-8, 13-14, 20-23, and 27 have been canceled herein without prejudice.

Claims 1-5, 9-12, 15-19, and 24-26 remain pending and recite subject matter indicated to be allowable. Allowance of the Application is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 was objected to as being indefinite. Applicants respectfully disagree that the objected to phrase is unclear. Nevertheless the amendment to claim 1 has made the objection moot.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 12, 13, 21-23, 26 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Krawiec, U.S. Patent No. 7,051,096.

Claims 3-5, 24, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Krawiec in view of the Examiner's undergraduate Computer Science education and the common knowledge alleged in the Action.

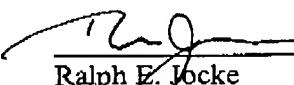
These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that each of these claims recites features which patentably distinguish over the applied art. However, to put this Application in condition for allowance Applicants have canceled claims 6-8, 13-14, 20-23, and 27 without prejudice and have amended claims 1 and 12 to correspond to allowable claims 8 and 14 respectively in independent form. The cancellation and amendment of these claims shall not constitute an admission that the original forms of these claims are unpatentable. Applicants reserve the right to file Divisional applications including the original forms of the claims.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. The undersigned is willing to discuss any aspect of the Application by phone at the Office's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,


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